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Ray Had Restless Year After Escaping Prison

James Earl Ray, the man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King, spent a restless year after his escape last April from Missouri State Penitentiary.

The moves and cross-country journeys of Ray, the man authorities first identified as Eric Starvo Galt, are retraced chronologically from reports of news media, the FBI and eyewitnesses:

April 23, 1967—James Earl Ray escapes from Missouri State Penitentiary.

Aug. 26, 1967—Eric Starvo Galt rents a room in a Birmingham boarding house run by Peter Cherpes, telling Cherpes he plans to stay three or four months.

Aug. 30—Buys a 1966 white Mustang from William D. Paisley of Birmingham, paying about \$2,000 in cash for the car.

September — Sometime this month Galt receives a package in the mail from Chicago weighing 20-25 pounds, 3 feet long by 1 foot wide.

Oct. 7—Checks out of the Birmingham boarding house after staying only six weeks, not the three or four months he told Cherpes he was going to stay. Says he is going to "come out look for a job."

December — Sometime during this month he closes a safe deposit box he obtained at Birmingham Trust National Bank last August.

Dec. 14—On or about this evening in Los Angeles, offers to drive Hollywood song writer Charles Stein to New Orleans and back free of charge if Stein will sign former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace's qualifying petition for California's June primary ballot.

Dec. 15—On or about

this date, drives Stein to Wallace headquarters in North Hollywood. Later that afternoon, accompanied by Stein, drove in white Mustang to New Orleans. During the two-day drive tells Stein he has just sold a bar in Mexico.

Mid-December — Ray signs up for dancing lessons at the National Dance Studios in Long Beach, paying five \$20 bills for the \$100 deposit, then returns with \$365 to pay the balance. During a dance lesson, tells one of his

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